

Health Watch USA's 17th Annual Conference: Exploring Long COVID's Impact on Patients, Workers, and Society

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Health Watch USA's annual conference will examine many aspects of long COVID with speakers from across the globe on November 1, 2023, from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM EST.



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[Health Watch USA's 17th annual conference/webinar](#), on November 1, 2023, "Long COVID's Impact on Patients, Workers & Society," will encompass a comprehensive exploration of long COVID across all age groups. Participants will delve into the presentations and associated risks of this condition while also examining preventative strategies, focusing on the role of vaccinations. The conference will shed light on the psychoneurological effects of long COVID and its far-reaching implications, including its impact on long-term disability within the US workforce. Furthermore, the discussion will extend to the consequences of long COVID, specifically on the nursing workforce, recognizing the unique challenges faced. Lastly, the conference will critically address how misinformation has posed a risk to health care workers,

particularly regarding workplace violence.

Kevin Kavanagh, MD, MS, board chairman for Health Watch USA:

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"Earlier this year, far too many felt the pandemic was over, but now, as the virus reemerges, we must regain the will to remain vigilant and do what is necessary to curtail the spread of disease," Kevin Kavanagh, MD, MS, and the board chairman for Health Watch USA, told *Infection Control Today*®. "Our society largely believes that all is well if one is not at risk for hospitalizations. Even policymakers are ignoring the ravages of long COVID. This webinar will highlight the personal and economic devastation produced by long COVID and the misinformation that is minimizing its risks in the eyes of the public. There will also be discussions regarding treatments and prognosis of the disease. But, frankly, the main message of the conference will be that we still must take this virus very seriously."

A few of the prestigious speakers during the webinar will be Ambassador Deborah Birx, MD, speaking on "Impact of Long COVID on the United States"; Eleni Iasonidou, MD, pediatrician, founder of Long COVID Greece and one of the very first Greek representatives to join Long COVID Kids, on "Long Covid: A Pediatrician's View as a Patient and Doctor"; Georgios Pappas, MD, PhD; Peter Hotez, MD, PhD,



Dean of the National School of Tropical Medicine and Professor of pediatrics and molecular virology & microbiology at Baylor College of Medicine, on "Global Vaccines and Vaccinations: The science vs The Anti-science."

Additionally, Brian T. Walitt, MD, MPH, a clinician with the NIH's National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, will present on "Exploring the Post-Acute Sequelae of COVID-19 at the National Institutes of Health." Past Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders, MD, returns to the conference to join Kavanagh in giving closing remarks.

The conference/webinar will also be offering continuing education credits as well. AMA PRA Cat I CME and CEUs will be provided at no charge.

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Presentations and handouts for the previous 16 conferences/webinars are available for review.

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